

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE
MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES**

OCTOBER 26, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Municipal Golf Commission was called to order by Chairman Skip Rowland, at 3:30 p.m. in the banquet room, Skylinks at Long Beach Golf Course, 4800 Wardlow Road, Long Beach, California. Chairman Rowland took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

<u>Present:</u>	Skip Rowland, Chairman	
	Phil Barlow, Vice-Chairman	Len Kennett
	Robin Bellamy	John McCann
	Gail Berns	Ray McElhenney
	Linda Cook	Bob Peeters
	Tonny Christensen	Becky Turley
	Betty Hatcher	

Excused: Matt Knabe

Staff: Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Terry Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations
Emy Arteaga, Golf Operations Support

American Golf: Jay Carballo, Regional Director of American Golf
Jason Koh, General Manager of Skylinks Golf Course
Lisa Georgeson, Junior Golf Coordinator

Audience: Craig Kessler, Public Links Golf Association
James Gilbert, Public Links Golf Association
Gary Grommet, Public Links Golf Association
Jim Gonzales, Public Links Golf Association
Bob Livingstone, CSULB
Ralph Cryder
Mike McMonegal

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- Chairman Rowland welcomed and asked all guests to please sign in and introduce themselves.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2005

- The minutes of the September 28, 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Christensen and seconded by Commissioner Cook that the Municipal Golf Commission approves the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

4. GOLF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Rounds of golf for September were down by 842 (-2.57%) over the total course rounds for September. Total rounds of golf were down by 37,986 (-11.58%) for the year compared to this time last year. **(Skylinks was removed from the comparison because of renovation closure).**
- Mr. Lortz asked the commissioners if they had any questions or comments on the rounds/financial report for the month of September.
- Mr. Lortz reviewed the highlights of the Monthly Facilities Report and asked the commissioners if they had any questions on any of the reports.
- CIP Golf Fund - Current balance approximately = \$28,199
- CIP Surcharge Total = \$126,639

5. AMERICAN GOLF REPORT

- Junior Golf 1% Fund available balance September 30, 2005 = \$98,103.90
- Little Linksters Fund available balance August 30, 2005 = \$64,980.75
- Recreation Park 18 Golf Course still has extensive tree trimming going on and next on the list is Recreation Park 9 Golf Course.
- Heartwell Golf Course will be getting a new canopy tent over the patio area.
- GPS system will be installed on the carts and operational starting November 1st at El Dorado Golf Course.
- A small tree is behind the #6 green at Heartwell Golf Course ready to fall over. Mr. Carballo will have staff remove tree.

- El Dorado Golf Course overseeding will be completed by the end of November.
- El Dorado Golf Course bunkers will have sand added in the near future.
- 100 replacement bunker rakes have been ordered for El Dorado Golf Course.
- Ms. Lisa Georgeson provided an update on the various junior golf programs in our City.
 - Lisa Georgeson, Director of Long Beach Junior Golf Programs, was selected by Naomi Rainey, President of Long Beach Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to be recognized at the 26th Freedom Fund Banquet & Awards Presentation for her service in the development of introductory golf instruction clinics for underprivileged inter-City youth.
 - The Junior Golf Club Championship has been completed and the champion from 2004 successfully defended her title for 2005. Lalita Patapaksiri shot a 4-under score of 158 to win her title by 3 strokes. Lalita is 14 years old and a sophomore at Cypress High School. All of the tournament results are posted on the bulletin board at Heartwell Golf Course.
 - The Long Beach Junior Golf Association currently has 504 registered members. The 2005 season will end on Friday, November 18th.
 - Plans will continue with the NAACP and the department for future golf programs.
 - The Junior Golf Association and the Long Beach Unified School District are working on a schedule to host golf clinics in the coming months.
 - The Long Beach Junior Golf Association will have an annual holiday awards party on Friday, December 2, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the clubhouse at Heartwell Golf Course. All commissioners and City staff are invited to attend.

6. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Capital Improvement Projects

- No committee report.

B. Fees and Charges

- The Commission Chair assigned the Policies and Procedures Committee to review current Internet tee times/reservations procedures and recommend any changes to the procedures that the committee may feel are needed.

C. Hall of Fame

- Dedication ceremonies officially opening the new home of the Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame took place on Wednesday, October 26th at 2:30 p.m. at Skylinks of Long Beach Golf Course. The Golf Hall of Fame was moved from Heartwell Golf Course into it's new home at the Skylinks clubhouse following major renovations of the course. Ceremonies included the new bronze plaques honoring 43 Hall of Fame inductees that were unveiled by Vice-Mayor Kell. The new Golf Hall of Fame display room, including photos and biographies of the current honorees was also officially opened to the public.
- Commissioner Kennett asked if there would be \$15,000 available to make more improvements to the Golf Hall of Fame.
- Mr. Shippey stated that there is no general fund money targeted for the Hall of Fame (because the City general fund has no money available). The committee needs to find a funding source for contributions and have money available for future projects in the Hall of Fame because the golf CIP fund has no money available either.
- The committee needs to work on collecting memorabilia for the Hall of Fame and all donations that come in need to be reviewed by the committee and they will need to make a recommendation about adding items.
- Commissioner Kennett would like the Long Beach Golf Festival Women's Championship to be a success each year. Seventy percent of the participants are from Long Beach. Commissioner Bellamy stated she participated in the tournament and was very disappointed in the level of service received and the low quality of the lunch served. Tournament participants paid \$150 to play and she stated that she doesn't think it was worth what the participants received.
- Commissioner Kennett stated that the lease obligated AGC to provide the City courses for Junior Golf charity fundraiser tournaments at no charge and he knows that there are charges for the Crosby Memorial Tournament. Mr. Carballo stated that there are free Junior Golf Charity tournaments at each course and he will verify and then report back to the commission what they are called.

D. Policies and Procedures

- The committee will schedule a meeting to discuss Internet tee times/reservations and to develop a procedure for this.

E. Tournaments

- No committee report.

F. Junior Golf Advisory

- No committee report.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Golf Manual Revisions Update – Mr. Shippey apologized for the time it has taken to submit a final draft for commissioners to review. City staff has been very busy and unavailable to proceed on revisions to the manual. It has taken a lot longer than planned hopefully staff will be available soon to work on finishing a final draft copy. The process of gathering public and commissioner recommendations was completed months ago and the Commissioners will only be reviewing the final draft to identify any grammatical changes that may be needed for clarification purposes.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Public Links Golf Association Presentation – Jim Gonzales gave a presentation on course rating procedures to the commission.

9. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

- Mr. Mike McMonegal stated Recreation Park 18 is a great course and asked when will Skylinks Golf Course become the great experience that was promised? Skylinks Golf Course maintenance needs to get up to the level as Recreation Park 18 Golf Course. When will it happen? Mr. Lortz asked Mr. McMonegal to describe what his expectations were or what he would like to see at the golf course. Mr. McMonegal stated he would like Skylinks to provide the same golf experience that he gets at Recreation Park 18 Golf Course.

B. STAFF

- None

C. COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner McCann stated more sand is needed in the traps at Recreation Park 9 Golf Course. Mr. Carballo will take care of this.
- Commissioner Christensen said that if there was any sand left over from El Dorado Golf Course could it be used at Heartwell Golf Course and it would be greatly appreciated.
- Commissioner McElhenney inquired about the reported lesson income for Recreation Park 9 Golf Course for this month, \$19,880. Mr. Carballo stated he wasn't sure but he will look into this and then give the commission an update next month.
- Commissioner McCann stated he got up this morning at 4:30 a.m. and met the Recreation Park 18 maintenance crew and went on a ride along to see what the crew is faced with every morning. It was a great experience and the maintenance crew does a great job. Commissioner McCann stated it was an eye opener watching what takes place so early in the morning and what maintenance problems have to be addressed before the golfers get on the course.

10. NEXT MEETING

**November 16, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.
Heartwell Junior Golf Building
6730 E. Carson Street
Long Beach, CA 90808**

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Golf Operations Support

c: Municipal Golf Commission
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager
Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Thomas A. Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Terry L. Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations
Jay Carballo, Regional Director of American Golf Corporation
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